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In re Patent Application of)
Atsushi MIYANISHI et al.) Group Art Unit: 2815
Application No.: 09/114,203) Examiner: Bradley Baumeister
Filed: July 13, 1998)
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE)

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: March 8, 2002

Sir:

This election is filed in response to the Office Action dated February 12, 2002 (Paper No. 25). In the Office Action, the Examiner identified three distinct species. The Examiner required the Applicants, under 35 U.S.C. §121, to elect a single species for prosecution. The three species identified by the Examiner are:

Species I. Figures 1-15:

IA: Figures 1-7

IB: Figures 8-13

IC: Figures 14 and 15

Species II. Figures 17, 18, 20 and 21,

Species III: Figures 24-28.

Pursuant to the Examiner's requirement, the Applicants elect Species III, Figures 24-28 claimed in claims 13-24. It is understood that claims 2,3, and 6-11 will be withdrawn from prosecution. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications.

An earlier examination and favorable action on claims 13-24 are respectfully requested.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is authorized to charge payment for any additional fees which may be required with respect to this paper to our Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

Respectfully submitted,

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